Delahunt, William

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To: Delahunt, William; Lynch, Stephen; Meehan, Martin

Subject: Iraq deployment

Gentleman.

As a Massachusetts resident I am writing to you as a matter of great concern to me. I have a nephew deployed in Iraq with the United States Army that is putting his life on the line for all of us every day and we are not giving him and his fellow soldiers the proper protection to assure their safe return.

What I am talking about is the fact that they are performing their duties without proper equipment, namely armored vehicles. We send our young men and women over there to fight and don't even give them equipment necessary to their survival. I find this to be just despicable. These troops are searching for enemies with shoulder fired grenades and or land mines in vehicles that wouldn't stop small arms fire.

Rather than spending millions or billions of taxpayers dollars rebuilding this country (Iraq), let us first spend it on the troops defending ours. Give our troops a chance to come home safe.

In closing I urge you all to take whatever action is necessary to correct this and other issues confronting our brave Sincerely

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